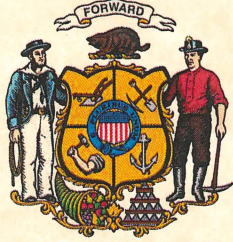


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; during the Vietnam War, the Central Intelligence Agency and the United States Armed Forces recruited, organized, trained, and assisted Hmong-Lao forces to combat the North Vietnamese Army and Communist Pathet Lao forces; and

WHEREAS; following the Vietnam War, the Hmong-Lao faced harsh retribution from the communist Vietnamese and Lao governments for their involvement in the American war effort, and in turn, were forced to flee their native lands; and

WHEREAS; the United States is now home to a significant community of the Hmong-Lao veterans and their families after providing political asylum and citizenship because of their unique contribution to the national security interests of the United States during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Lao Veterans of America has established local chapters throughout the state and those chapters have sought to serve the communities in which they are located and work to educate the public about the historic contributions of the Hmong-Lao veterans during the Vietnam War;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim, May 14, 2019 as

HMONG – LAO VETERANS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the Great
Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed.
Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison
this 6th day of May 2019.



Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State